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- 11. (C/NF) Chairman of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development Dr. Abdelatif Y. Al-Hamad relayed to Econcouns April 21 that he had just received a phone call from the Governor of the Iraq Central Bank extending a "personal invitation" to attend the May 3 Iraq Compact signing in Egypt. Al-Hamad said he told the Governor, whom he has known "for a long time," the arrears problem with the GOI made participation in ICI activities difficult (Ref A). The Governor told Al-Hamad he would follow up on the arrears issue directly with the Iraqi Minister of Finance.
- 12. (C/NF) Al-Hamad said he told the Governor the Arab Fund was still weighing the decision to attend the ICI, and if so at what level. He told Econcouns a decision would be made in the next few days. He had just received, in the last few days, a formal invitation from the UN to attend the ICI, along with supporting materials.

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